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RELATIONS; BURMA PLANS MORE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL ROLE

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DIVISION, FOREIGN MINISTRY
(MAUNG

MYINT) TO LEAVE COPIES OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS AND AIDE-
MEMOIRE BASED ON REF. A. MAUNG MYINT REAFFIRMED GUB PREFERENCE
FOR COOPERATION OVER CONFRONTATION, AND CONFIRMED THAT GUB IS
PLANNING A SOMEWHAT MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN MULTILATERAL INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS, NOTABLY AT UN AND FAO.

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2. CITING EXAMPLES OF THIS TREND, MAUNG MYINT SAID GUB HAS AD-
VANCED ITS CANDIDACY FOR ONE OF TWO ASIAN REGIONAL SEATS ON

CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT, TO BE FILLED AT NEXT FAO GENERAL CONFERENCE. CANDIDACY OF BURMA AND INDONESIA, HE SAID, HAS RECEIVED SUPPORT OF REGIONAL MEMBERS (IN PREFERENCE TO INDIA) AND GROUP OF 77, AND GUB ASSUMES IT WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY AT FAO CONFERENCE IN SECURING SEAT. HE NOTED THAT THIS IS FIRST TIME SINCE MID-1950'S THAT GUB HAS SOUGHT MEMBERSHIP IN SUCH BODY, AT LEAST IN ECONOMIC FIELD. MEANWHILE, GUB HAS ACCREDITED ITS AMBASSADOR IN ROME ALSO AS REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, A STEP IT LONG DID NOT BOTHER TO TAKE, AND HAS NOTIFIED FAO OF ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL FOOD RESERVE CONCEPT. (POST IS VACANT AT THE MOMENT BUT NEW APPOINTMENT EXPECTED SOON.)

3. MAUNG MYINT CONFIRMED EMBOFF'S OBLIQUE SUGGESTION THAT BURMESE DELEGATION AT UN WILL BE MORE ACTIVE WITH THE DEPARTURE OF PERMREP U LWIN. IT HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SECOND SESSION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR 7TH SS. MAUNG MYING SAID GUB HAS NOT YET FORMULATED ANY DEFINITE POSITIONS FOR 7TH SS, AND WILL DO SO IN LIGHT OF PROCEEDINGS AT SECOND SESSION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. HE NOTED THAT GUB CONSISTENTLY FAVORS COMPROMISE AND CONCILIATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA OF THIS KIND, AND SAID BURMESE LIKE MOST ASIAN DELEGATIONS URGE THIS POINT OF VIEW ON GROUP OF 77. MAUNG MYINT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE INCREASINGLY STRIDENT TONE OF DOCUMENTS SUCH AS RESOLUTIONS OF RECENT UNIDO GENERAL CONFERENCE AND DAKAR CONFERENCE (WHICH BURMA DID NOT ATTEND, RECEIVING ITS INVITATION ONLY AFTER CONFERENCE HAD ALREADY BEGUN).

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